A DASTARDLY CRIMI

SHOT TO DEATH ON THE PUBLIC ROAD

By Cowardly Assassins, Concealed in the Bushes, Six Miles From Branchville.

One of the most dastardly and cowardly crimes ever committed in this section of the State occurred Tuesday night about six miles from Branchville, when young Pressley Reeves, son of Mr. A. M Reeves. who lives just across the line in Dorchester county, was foully shot to death in the bushes on the roadside; along which he was driving mi a wagon on his way to a cotton field for a load of cotton pickers

that had worked for him that day It seems that the young man had carried one load of cotton pickers to their homes and was returning for another when he was so cruelly assassinated The exact spot in the road where the cowardly crime took place has been located, as well as the spot where he fired the fatal shot at his unsuspecting victim as be drove along the highway. The shot took effect in the head of young Reeves and he must nave been killed instantly, as the gun was loaded with buckshot. The young man fell off his seat in the wagon dead, as he was found laying in the bottom of the wagon body.

After the shooting the mules re turned to the home of Mr. A. M. Reeves, the father of the young man, who was horrified on going out to the wagon to find his sen laying cold in death in the bottom of the wagon shot through the head with a load of buckshot. Mr. Reeves immediately gave the alarm, and as soon as the news of the assassination reached Branchville a telegram was sent to Governor Ansel at Columbia informing him of the dastardly crime and requesting that he send blood-hounds at once to track and run down the assassins. The Governor acted promptly and the dogs reached Branchville during the In the meantime the excitement

had become intense and several hundred good and true men were ready to start on a hunt for the assassins. The dogs were taken to the place where the assassin was concealed when he fired the cowardly and fatul shot, but they failed to strike a trail. Before the dogs arrived on the scene many people had crossed and recrossed the track of the as sassin, making it impossible for the dogs to follow the trail of the coward who so cruelly me dered a fellow man. This was a great disappointment, as it was hoped that the dogs would run down the as-

A dispatch from Branchville says the settled conviction now is that neither night rider nor negroes had anything to do with the killing, but that it was done by a white man motive was revenge growing out of have heard that many who voted J. A. Boylston Liberty the bitter feeling against young or the formation of Calhoun county G. S. Davis......Liberty Reeves on account of a recent law ire now sorry they did. We have L. G. Shuler......Orange suit. This man is still in the com- 10 advice to offer to the people in nunity' but no arrest has so far been made. The evidence as yet has been insufficient. The young man who was murdered had only been married a few months.

The young man was waylaid about one and a half miles from his home on the public road. The place where the assassion took his stand was found about ten feet from the road in bushes on the edge of a ditch, to the left of Reeves returning home. After shooting the assassing ran down on the ditch bank about twenty-five yards and mounted either a mule or a horse and made good his escape. They were unable to do anything with the bloodhounds, because they would not trail mule or horse tracks. Everybody in the community is greatly aroused over the terrible deed.

A jury of inquest assembled Wednesday morning and viewed the body of the victim and adjourned for a few days. It issaid that evidence is very bad to get, as the people are very much scattered in the neighborhood where the crime was committed. Two or three white men are said to be under suspicion, one of whom is said to have made threats against young Reeves recently and to have purchased some buckshot shells in Branchville Tuesday. The murdered man had recently been appointed a game warden, and it is thought that may have something to do with the dastardly crime. The matter ought to be sifted to the very bottom.

Women Have Fatal Fight.

Julia Grimes and Eugenia Fo'der, two colored women, became invoived in a quarrel at Branchville on Monday afternoon, Eugenia struck at Julia, and she grabbed a knife from her husband who was standing near and stabbed Eugenia several times. Eugenia ran a few steps, fell and died in a few minutes from a cut in the throat. Julia was arrested and lodged in jail by Constable Byrd Tuesday morning.

Second-Hand School Books.

date. Considerable can be saved who was Miss Georgia Jackson, has John H. Robinson on Thursday afterby using second-hand books. Call many friends in this city who were at Sims' Book Store for new or glad to meet her and Mr. Welch. second-hand books and all school supplies. We sell books at the same price they are sold by the Superintendent of Education.

Peculiar Cotton.

section, sent us a rather peculiar complete health. . kind of cotton, which he picked from his field. The lint and seed are of a brown color, the latter being rather small. The bolls have five closed, the Board of Registration [locks and of good size. All who have having completed its work. The the largest shipment of blank books examined it say it is a new species total number registered is 3,953, ever brought to Orangeburg. of cotton.

SENT WEARING APPAREL.

)rangeburg Ladies Help the Augusta Flood Sufferers.

The Augusta Herald says a very imely and acceptable contribution o Augusta's flood sufferers has been eecived from the ladies of Orangeourg. S. C. Accompanying the lothing was the following letter: Orangeburg, S. C., Sept. 3, 1908. Irs. I. C. Levy.

Augusta, Ga.:

Dear Madam:-Having heard that you are the resident of charitable organizations, take the liberty of sending you er freight a box of wearing apparer nd self, to be distributed according afternoon proved a very Tarasant o your discretion.

Our hearts are with the unfortunites and trust the Omnipotent will soon restore them to happiness and rosperity.

With best wishes, believe me in ympathy.

MRS. PHILIP RICH. Mrs. K. Finklestein, Mrs. J. l. H. Lil, Mrs. Henry Kohn, Mrs. heo, Kohn, Mrs. Bertram Kaha-I. Dukes, Mrs. John McNamara, diss Sadie Robinson, Miss Regina Marcus, Mr. W. L. Moseley-Con-

SENT TO THE STATE.

Contributions From Orangeburg Co. Democratic Precinct Clubs.

Capt. J. A. Berry, treasurer of he Democratic National Campaign M. R. Evans and John B. White. fund. It was contributed to the ollowing Democratic precinct cials n Orangeburg county: Jance Democratic Club....\$ 7 50 Poplar Democratic Club.... 5 95 Crinity Democratic Club.... 1 25 Sawyerdale Democratic Club. 1 00 Elloree Democratic Club.... 3 15 Horse Range Democratic Club 4 50 North Democratic Club.... 12 50 Neeces Democratic Club.... 3 40 Rowesville Democratic Club. 7 25 Limestone Democratic Club. 3 75 Liberty Democratic Club... Rethel Democratic Club.... Bowman Democratic Club .. ion Democratic Club..... hieree Democratic Cinh. .. 4 60 Providence Democratic Club. 7 65

Captain Berry says there are other tules from which continue are expected.

Look Before You Leap.

In discussing the proposed new county of Edisto, a correspondent writing from Lexington says: "It s said that the new county prople 'ear the result in Orangeburg, where he people are more thickly settled lissatisfaction of several who went E. B. Workman Liberty nto the new county of Calhoun R. J. Jeffords City about a year ago, and who, it is as- A. C. Shuler......Providence serted, wish now that they had re- R. A. he proposed limits of Edisto couny as to how they shall vote, but hey had better look before they

Resigned His Charge.

and genuine regret that his congregation heard the pastor. Rev. W. R. Sunad. Rev. Smith ha been here for live years and his earnest work has nected with them were negroes, and out he felt that a change would be Branchville and vicinity are in no endeared him to his congregation, beneficial. His plans for the future are not yet formed. A pastorate has been formed of the Baptist place some six miles from Branchchurches at Smoaks, Carter's Ford, Hunter's Chapel and St. Johns. Monday Mr. Smith received the call from that charge, but he has not lecided whether to accept or not.

Tried to Commit Suicide. Michael Grimes, husband of Lizie Grimes, who stabbed Gene Smith o death at Branchville on Monday. vas arrested early Wednesday morn ing as an accessory to the deed. Abuot 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon he tried to commit suicide in hroat. He cut his wind pipe, just He leaves a devoted wife and sevmissing the juglar vein and coartery artery. The weapon used is supposed to be a knife, but no weapon was found in his cell. It is not known how he procured the weapon. He is still in a critical condition.

A Card of Thanks. I take this method of thanking my many friends for the many kindness shown me in my recent trouble, and especially do I thank lailer Sam Dukes and his family for their kindness to me during my Greatfully, imprisonment.

James L. Johnson. Neeces, Sept. 17.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Welch, of 'harleston, have been on a visit to the family of Mr. D. W. Smith. Mr. Sims' Book Store buys and sells Welch is one of the leading merold school books that are not out of chants of Charleston. Mrs. Welch, ton, died at the residence of Mrs.

Out Aagin.

Mr. H. E. Boliver, the efficient and courteous assistant postmaster, who has been sick for some time, is again at his post in the postoflice. Mr. T. C. Dukes, of the Vances We hope to see him soon restored to

Number Registered.

The registration books are now The old registration was 4,823.

CAMERON HIGH SCHOOL OPENS.

The Trustees Considering Matter of New School Building.

The Cameron High School opened Wednesday morning under the most favorable conditions, with quite a large enrolment. Tuesday afternoon a reception was tendered the teachers by the patrons and friends of the school. Addresses were mudby County Superintendent of Eduation Murph, the Rev. M. Hilda, of Lexington: the Rev. J. D. Kinard, pastor of the Luthern Church; the Rev. A. C. Walker, pastor of the Methodist church, and Prof. W. E. Derrick, the principal of the schoo! which I have collected from friends Refreshments were served and the

The following able corps of teachers will be in charge for the coming year: Prof. W. E. Derrick, of Hilton S. C., and Miss Ada E. Williams, of Redisville, N. C., in charge of the High School and commercial departments; Miss Pearl Powell, of Columbia, in charge of the interme-Correntrue, Mrs. Victor Whald, Mrs. diate department; Miss Marian Lykes, of Lykesland, in charge of the primary department, and Miss iler, Mrs. J. P. Moseley, Mrs. J. W. Mary C. Hamer, of Tatum, in charge of the music department.

The trustees have under consideration the matter of constructing during the coming year an \$8,000 order to accommodate properly the increasing number of scholars attending the school, as the High School department is now open to all children in the county, and the he Orangeburg County Democratic be well patronized by the older boys Executive Committee, remitted to and girls of the community. The "he State on Wednesday \$85.90 for trustees are Messrs. Jas. H. Haigler,

1	
	Gentlemen of the Jury.
	Following is the list of jurors for
ï	the civil term of Court Oct. 11.
,	W. C. MackElizabetn
	Thos. VaughnOrange
,	W. J. Zeigler Branchville
1	D. A. Fairey New Hope
,	
,	K. L. BrewerCity
	J. P. AvingerCity
	C. H. Rutland Liberty
	J. E. AsheEdist
;	D. F. JonesPoplar
)	J. L. Philips
,	T. E. Briggman City
,	
,	1. P. Inabinet Rocky Grove
	W. L. Mosley City
	J. H. AyersMiddle
	J. W. Judy
	Joe R. Mack Elizabeth
	I. C. Moorer Providence
	S. B. MeyersCow Castle
	S. S. ByrdBranchville
1	E J. Boland Goodland
20	O. L. CrumNew Hope
	J. W. Juraper Good and
-	R E Axson Hebron
	S H. Inabinet Elizabeth
	V. P. Shuler New Hope
	J. R. Westbury Orange
:	T ibanty

Killings Among Negroes.

The Branchville Journal says: One would think Branchville was located in the wild and woolly west from the number of killings we are recording this week. One a day is a pretty good record for even a 'It was with a feeling of surprise dispensary town. Still whiskey did not cause either of these." thing in connection with these killings that should not be lost sight of is the fact that all parties conof course, the white people of wise responsible for them. The assassination of young Reeves took ville, and in no wise reflects upon the peace and quiet of that town.

Another Old Veteran Gone.

Mr. Thos. C. Albergotti died at his residence on Whitman street at 7 o'clock Thursday morning from stroke of paralysis. He was a gallant defender of the "Lost Cause," and always took great interest in the gathering of the old Vet rans. Mr. Albergotti was a man of many noble traits of character and had many friends in all parts of the country. who will regret to hear of his death. eral children. He was seventy-three vears of age.

Negroes Fight at Church.

Sunday afternoon a row occurred at a negro church near Branchville between Ed. Thomas and Neighbor Warren, in which the latter was so severely cut that it is thought he will die from the wound. Both the parties are colored.

Fall Opening Announcement. A splendid exhibition of all that is new in styles and pretty wear for to me just at this time. I am not women and children. Be sure to feelin so well at present. I hope attend the Fall Opening of Kohn's this will find you feeling well as Emporium October 1st and 2nd (Thursday and Friday). The Mil-

Death of Mrs. Mary Bradshaw.

linery headquarters for 40 years.

Mrs. Mary Bradshaw, of Charles noon. Mrs. Bradshaw came from Charleston two weeks ago in hopes that the change would benefit her.

Death of Mr. Cartmill.

Mr. Cartmill, an old resident of this city, died at his residence on morning. Mr. Cartmill came to Orangeburg from Charleston where he was at one time a most prosper ous merchant. Peace to his ashes.

Blank Books.

Sims' Book Store has just received amine them before buying.

THE HARLEY CASE.

SEEARD BEFORE JUDGE C. P. BRUNSON YESTERDAY.

The Court Ruled That Not Enough Over the Prisoner.

The preliminary hearing in the Charles P. Brunson at 11 o'clock T. M. McAlichael50c yesterday morning.

while the deceased was on his way home from the town of Livingston in this county. The details of the tragedy is familiar to the readers of this paper. Jeffcoat was shot down by members of Providence Demowithout warning, in the dark and cratic Club, and would have been on the public highway. The crime reported sooner but was locked up was dastardly and cowardly, and, so far as the public knows, no motive E. E. Bull\$1.00 Jeffcoat was a prominent and T. M. Dantzler50c wealthy farmer, which added interest \$600 were offered for the conviction O. D. Dantzler25c of the guilty parties. Governor or \$10,000 brick school building in Ansel employed a special detective and the local authorities were active- Jno. Wadkin10c

ter, so far as a solution was con- N. W. Myers10c Pink W. Harley was arrested and W. D. Moorer50c charged with the crime. Harley I. M. Bull25c of moderate means and has been J. E. Moorer25c considered harmless, although he J. P. Shuler has been in the courts before, having J. W. Hart\$1.00 United States court for violation of J. O. Hutto5e the internal revenue laws.

The hearing, held in the Court House, attracted a large crowd yesterday and great interest was manifested in the proceedings. The prosecution was conducted by Solicitor Hildebrand, Wolfe and Ber- Will Be Held This Year on the rv and L. K. Sturkie, while the de-'ence' was represented by Raysor & Summers. There were some spirited passages between opposing counsel, Following is the testimony as ad-

duced on the stand: Dr. J. M. Davis stated that he attended Jeffcoat shortly after the Connie Maxwell Orphanage, Greenshooting, found that a gunshot wood, S. C., Baptist. wound had perforated the skull, producing a mortal wound, from which Thornwell Orphanage, Clinton, S. Mr. Funderburk says: death ensued a few days later.

J. N. Sistrunk was informed of he shooting about 10:30 p. m. by Church Home, Charleston, S. C. oat crop. The oats were sown after Julius Jeffcoat, son of the deceased. Episcopalian. Witness was asked to come and bring his gun and buckshot. He, Salem, Va. P. W. Harley and J. D. McCormic's were the first to fin dthe wounded man. Witness denied having told Harley that he (Harley) did the in Charleston, S. C.

shooting. J. D. McCormick's testimony prac-Julias Jeffcoat's advised witness not children, is a sufficient appeal to a two-horse disc drill, with about to go into swamp until daylight.

Lizzie Mitchell, colored, saw Har anding is near

the voice of P. W. Harley. Both been shot at by unknown parties while returning from R. A. Jeffcoat's house on Sunday, two weeks prior

o shooting of Jeffcoat. Mrs. Abe Amaker, daughter of he strained relations which existed between her pa rents and which caused them to live apart for about nine years before Mr. Jeffcoat's leath. The children were divided, some taking sides with the father. mony of this witness had very little

bearing on the actual tragedy. man, was the last witness and testi- sary. The orphans need help. fied as to certain letters which were The institutions are unable

introduced. to Mrs. R. A. Jeffcoat by the de- not overlook the day. tective, who imitated the handwrit

ing of Mr. Harley: "June the 12. Dear Frend:

usual, if, you want Bill and Jud out out of the way just say so and tell me what you are willing to give

I think you ort to give some more es it might take some time to bring destruction on them both and it vou can sen me some rite a way as am needing a little more at present. You must not send my mail in my name for it mite get misplaced send it to A. W. Samson. "R. F. D. No. 62 and I will be sure to get it you must soon

"Your Tru Frend ..b. W. The following letter is the answer received by the detective to the

fied that the hand writing was that of his mother: "June 17 1908

Dear Sir "I received your letter & was glad HELPING THE CAUSE.

More Contributions for the Demo cratic National Committee.

The following was contributed by

O. I. Hughes25c say they are advertised. Testimony Was Presented to Bind D. B. Smoak25e W. L. Mack25e I. A. Smoak\$1.00 O. J. Kennerly25c J. D. Whisenhunt50c From Providence Club. -The following was contributed in one of the ballot boxes: J. V. Bull25c L. L. Hart25c ly engaged in an effort to solve the J. F. Wannamaker25" S. G. Bell\$1.00

> Total\$7.65 ORPHAN WORK-DAY.

Thursday of October.

There is a family of 250 orphan children at the Epworth Orphanage, Columbia, S. C., Methodist,

C., Presbyterian.

every heart.

down coming from North. Saw him Ga., that on the first Saturday and egain about dark going toward Slab Sabbath of October, all those who top dressing of 60 to 70 pounds of Landing, riding a mule. Slap love children set apart those days nitrate of soda, which seemed to pay the opportunity of getting a true reall swamp bridge, for gathering funds to relieve the me big. My total crop of pats he scene of the shooting. Harley needs of the fatherless. On that amounted to 567 1-2 bushels, of had something across his lap. Has Saturday, let everybody, old and which the four acre cotton patch known Harley seven or eight veers young, rich and poor, devote the day mention above yielded 285 bushels. and was sure it was he whom she to the Orphanages, each man sending his gift to the Orphanage he loves these four acres I have figured out Jane Davis and Annie Davis, the best or that lies nearest his as follows: while, mother and daughter, testi- heart. The Georgia scheme worked Cotton (at 12c) and cottonfied that R. A. Jeffcoat was at their well. For several years an effort seed (at 30c)......\$248.20 house on the afternoon of the day has been made to rouse an equal Cost of making (not includof the shooting. He left about six interest in South Carolina and Alao'clock: An hour later a party came bama and Florida have also taken to the front of the house, called to it up. In every community some the inmates and asked how long zealous brother might take up the since Jeffcoat had been gone; also matter and push it and 'the day's cautioned witnesses not to tell that work from everybody would go to he had been there or it would not the orphans. The proposition is not be good for them. Both recognized in the interest of any one orphanage; it is intended for each one to give witnesses admitted that they had to the orphanage nearest his heart. Give Saturday's wages to the orphans. Gather the proceedings on cents a bushel, but they are worth the Sabbath and forward to the in- much more than that on the market. stitutions above named. It will be The cost of \$29 includes the seed at sure to reach the right spot, if drafts \$1.05 per bushel, but does not inhe deceased, testified concerning and checks are made out to the clude the cost of threshing and name of the institution itself and handling the oats after they were provisions shipped to the same. We housed. Of course I harvested the have no doubt that when an individ- oats with my own machine, but I ual community makes; special re- figured this in at what I would have quest of the railway authorities, had to pay for it. I have the oatflour and rice and molasses or any straw baled and on the oat land a thers with the mother. The testi- other products would find them wil- fine crop of pens. ling to deliver without charge.

Notice that this is simply a state-Julius Jeffcoat, son of the dead ment. Urgent appeals are not necesto give it, without the backing of The first letter it oduce was the the people. At this season all their following one, which was written treasuries are greatly depleted. Do

Farmers' Union to Meet.

There will be a special meeting of the Orangeburg County Farmers "I reseved the mony just as you Union at the Court House on Sat-All Union farmers are garnestly urged to attend this meeting as it is of great importance. By order of

W. S. Barton, Jr., Pres. County Farmers' Union little better to day

Dear Sirl cant tell ou how much appreciate your offer but I have not got a thing in hand now i loand out all I had to get the interest to help pay a bill I have to pay the not get much till I paid all expences did not Spend one cent on myolf up what you owe. So iff See any chance of getting any thing later on I will tell you So by by with best wishes from you know above letter and Julius Jeffcoat testi- hoe

ted without argument. The magistrate promptly dismissed the proceedings, deeming the evidence insufficient to hold the accused. Harto hear from ou but am sorry you ley was given nis liberty and the are not feeling well I have been killing of R. Addison Jeffcoat is as real sick all the week but feel a deep a mystery as ever.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Those Remaining Unclaimed in the Orangeburg Postoffice.

List of letters remaining unclaimed in the Orangeburg post-

Mrs. Eady Adams.

Sam L. Brown.

P. B. Brunson. W. M. Clark. Clary Cauley. Alexander Counsel. Mrs. Marie Culler. Joseph Donnelly. . Minerua Davis. Mrs. Charity Days. Erum J. Dickey. Mrs. V. C. Doley. Isaac Dowling. Geo. Easterling (2). Geo. Fairey. Ben Flood. R. A. Fuller. Mrs. Ella Funchers. Mrs. Alice Hair. Mary J. Hampton. Isadore Hampton. Lemis Harris. William Havner. Mrs. Harry Heyward. Minnie Jackson. Charles Kennerly. Miss Darcas Knight. Tom Kress. Andrew Lee. Jonh R. Linn. Pinkny McCaskill. Mrs. Rosa Millhouse. Jonh Mitchell. Helier R. Padgett. W. H. Pinkney. Emmer Rest. J. T. Richards. J. Richardson. Parker Robinson F. A. Rucker. Mrs. Norah Rumph. Cora E. Salley. Eerlene Sims. Ellitt Starks. Lula Stevens. Lillian Sutton. E. D. Walker. Andrew Watkins. W. T. Wolfe. Louisa Wright.

MORE MONEY IN OATS.

Than There Is in Cotton as Shown Below.

Mr. W. E. Funderburk, of Union, There are 250 orphans at the N. C., gives his experience as between cotton and oats as a money crop in the Progressive Farmer, of There are 250 orphans at the Raleigh, N. C. Here is what Mr.

Editor Progressive Farmer: You There are 50 orphans at the wanted to know something about my cotton was gathered (do not remem-The Lutheran Church Home is at ber the exact date) on good land that had been yielding 500 pounds The Hebrew Home is at Atlanta, of lint cotton per acre with 400 pounds of guano and a light sprinkle

The Roman Catholic Homes are of stable manure. I cut the cotton beds down with The support and care of all these a cutaway harrow, then broke the various denominational institutions, land as well as I could with a/single ically substantiated that of Sistrunk. with their large body of fatherless plow. The oats were drilled in with 200 pounds of fertilizer per acre. Some years ago it was suggested About three bushels of seed per

ey about half an hour before sun- by Rev. Howard Crumley of Atlanta, acre were used of the Appler variety. About the first of April I gave My conits on it

ing hauling to market).. \$1.60

285 bushels of oats at 75c.. 213 75 Cost of making and harvesilng 29.00

Net profits on 4 acres of

oats \$184.75 The oats are figured above at 75

W. E. FUNDERBURK.

Wanted Them to Settle.

It won't be the fault of the edito" of the Dovie Record if his sub- low as he can. There are plenty of scribers fail to pay up. Here is his "Will we take eggs liberal offer: on subscription? We'll take the entire output of the hennery for the next six months and pay for it in subscriptions. We'll 'ake lye soap. clean rags, ginseng, pants, patches old bones, wood, green hides, bound pups, old clothes, lumber, cuil promsed it, certainly was great help urday. Sept. 26, at 11 o'clock sharp, ties, wagon tires, peanuts, stick candy, onions, crackers, turnip greens, sausages, town lots, cabbage leaf cigars, yearlings, milch cows, sorgum, pumpkins, spring mules, well seasoned shoats, sofa pillows, foot stools, bachelor buttons, patent medicines, eightday clocks, patent churns, home-made sox, choice scrap iron, old maids and chewing gum. You can bring them by the wagon load, armful, in tow sacks, by the yard, gallon or ton; last of January next You no I did in drovves, swarms or schools. Yes. we'll take 'em. We'll take anything so I loand every cent I got out 1 to get you to subscribe or to pay

Seed Ooats.

Best native grown appler oats. See oats and get prices be-Fairey's After this the case was submit- fore buying elsewhere. Stables, 30 St. John Street, Orangeburg, S. C. WANTED-TO RENT HOUSE-4 of

Democrat.

TO THE PRODUCERS.

PRESIDENT HARRIS OF THE FARMERS' UNION WRITES.

Says the Farmers Should Inves 1 gate

Conditions and Use Good Judgmen in Selling. The great money-producing crop

of the South-cotton-is now being harvested. The farmers should investigate conditions and use good judgment in selling this great money crop of the South. By so doing many million dollars will be added to her wealth.

First, we will look into conditions. The supply of cotton is less today than it has been in twenty-five years. The mershants' shelves are scant of goods. The population of the world is increasing every day, and they have to be clothed. Again, the output of manufactured goods have greatly decreased this year from the fact the 1907 crop was 4,000,000 bales short. This shortage will have to be made good, as the world needs the goods. As to the condition of the 1908 crop. We have heard nothing for the last eight weeks but a bumper crop. Who is it that circulates these reports? 1 see in Europe, 3,000 miles away, statisticians are freely predicting a crop of American cotton this year of 16,000,000 bales, while many of the knowing ones on this side are sending out literature forecasting the crop at 14,000,000 bales.

The South is now being flooded with circulars of bear dope by speculators and manipulators who are trying to sell the market down under the influence of these bearish argu-

ments. The wholesale jobber in the cotton trade are demanding concessions from the manufacturer in the price of goods, as long as possible in holding back as long as possible in order to be able to lay in their supply as low as possible.

Never before have so many interests combined to hammer down the price of spot cotton. There never was a time that the growers will be called upon to exercise the full limit of their strength in resisting the efforts to depress prices as at the present time.

There was never a time that cooperation was needed as badly as it is today.

Our annual meeting of "The Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America" met at Fort Worth, Tex., on the first and was in session four days. The attendance was large, all the cotton-growing States were well represented by delegates.

The unanimous consent of the delegates was to keep the minimum price a secret within the membership. A national cotton committee was formed, with a delegate from each State, for the purpose of handling

cotton. President Barrett will call a meeting the first of January, as by that time we will know the true condition of the crop.

As to the condition of the growing crop. Every cotton-producing State was represented and there we had port as to the condition of the grow ing crop. Not a single State reported anything like an average crop. Some reported 40 per cent off, some 30 per cent, some 20 per cent, some

15 per cent. It will be impossible for us to make an accurate report at this time. To begin with, we had floods and wet weather up to the 1st of July, then hot, dry weather. Rust and blight and a dozen other pests

we had never heard of before. East of the Mississippi river you hear that Texas and Louisiana are going to make a bumper crop. When you get west of the Mississippi they tell you: Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia are going to make bumper crops. When you investigate it you find it is false. In the last three weeks I have been in seven of the leading cotton belt States. and in no place did I find anything like an average crop. From the time I left home until I reached the "Lone Star" State I did not see a single field of cotton that did not have blight, either rust or black

rot, and was poorly fruited. Farmers, all you have to do now is to just sit steady in the boat and not put a bale of cotton on the market until the price gets right. Remember, it all depends on you as to what it brings. We cannot blame the other fellow for getting it as good warehouses," and advise warehousing it and borrowing money on your receipts to satisfy your in-

debtedness. As cotton is the great money crop of the South, I want to urge our bankers, merchants and other moueyed men of the South to help the weak farmers to hold their cotton until the price gets above the cost of production, so the grower may have a profit left to him to have money to spend with other business enterprises.

If the farmer is prosperous all other business is prosperous, and it he is not, all other business i duil. It is the duty of every business man of the South, no matter what profession he is in, to stand behind cotton and make it bring a profit above the cost of production to the grower.

How is the grower of cotton to become able to maintain a profitable price? First, he must diversify his crops, and now is the time to begin for another year. Sow oats, wheat, erimson clover, vetch, rye and barley. You will need it next spring to feed your stock. Instead of buying raise your horses, mules, cows, hogs and corn.

Quit buying hay to kill grass, to raise cotton, to buy more hay with. 5 rooms, in Orangeburg. Address Make home self-supporting and self-G. W. Cooper, care of Times and sustaining, and prosperity is yours. B. Harris.